

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 3/21/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 16-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-9,16-21 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant has amended claim 1 and added new claim 21. These changes place the application into condition for allowance. A brief discussion of Figures 1-4 is in order. Per Figure 1, the computing device (12) includes configurable devices (20,22) and a data device (24). A control device (26—which can be a power supply) provides reset signals at power up of the computing device (12). The first configurable device (20) and the data device (24) are then enabled via the reset pins thereof. The data device (24) then transmits configuration data to the first configurable device (20). Once the first configurable device (20) is configured with the first portion of the configuration data, it transmits a reset signal to the second configurable device (22) and the second portion of the configuration data is then transmitted to the second configurable device (22). It is to be noted that the first configurable device (20) is shown to be an ASIC (application device that is configurable logic device) and the second configurable device (22) is shown to be a CPU (a processor). Given this overview, it is clear where the amended claims find support and hence how such define over the rejection of Zlotnick and Wang et al., which simply do not teach the limitations of amended claim 1 and new claim 21. However, in reviewing the art of record and after performing an update search, Erickson et al. '614 (of record in the 892) does show a similar configuration in Prior Art Figure 3 a data device (4) and two configurable logic devices (1a/b), in which all are reset via the RESET (2) in response to the application of a supply voltage. Thus the claimed RESET

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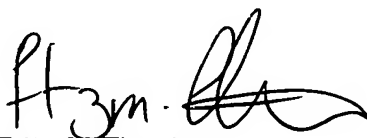
functionality of claims 1/21 is not taught. Hence the claims are passed on to issue, in light of the above commentary and applicant's remarks in support of patentability of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fritz M. Fleming whose telephone number is 571-272-4145. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 0600-1500.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on 571-272-4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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